



OUTREACH NOTICE

REGION 5

LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST



Apply by
11:59 PM, Eastern Time,
September 5, 2014

Fall 2014 Region 5 Centralized Fire Hire
Forestry Technician (Permanent Wildland Firefighters)
GS-0462-6 through 9 and WG-10

TO APPLY

Applicants should apply to any position/location they have interest in, whether a vacancy exists or not. Vacancies created during the Fire Hire process will be immediately "back-filled".

A list of all Fire Hire positions in Region 5 can be found at <http://famcat.us/trackingdb/>.

The Announcement Numbers in the adjacent tables are links to the respective vacancy announcement.

Open and Continuous Recruitment (OCR) announcements are posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov. Applicants must have a USAJOBS profile created before applying.

Applicants must meet the position's minimum qualification standards contained in the Interagency Fire Program Management Standard (IFPM) to be considered. You must attach a copy of your IQCS Master Record (or equivalent documentation of fire qualifications and training) to your application. Failure to provide the requisite documentation could result in disqualification. IFPM website: <http://www.ifpm.nifc.gov/standard/electronicver/electronic.htm>

Applicants must ensure their application(s) has been recertified through USAJOBS within 60 days of the application deadline in order to remain active and to be considered for Certificate(s) of Candidates.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Selectees must be able to meet the Requirements specified for the position, such as completing a Work Capacity Test and maintaining a valid State driver's license. A drug test may be required prior to the starting date.

ABOUT THE FOREST AND FIRE ORGANIZATION

The [Los Padres National Forest](#) encompasses approximately 1.75 million acres of central California's scenic Coast and Transverse Ranges. The forest stretches across almost 220 miles from north to south and consists of two separate land divisions.

There is a considerable risk of wildfire on the Los Padres National Forest resulting from a combination of weather, vegetation, terrain, and human use. Wildfires have burned over 2.3 million acres on the Los Padres since 1912. Most wildfires in the forest are human-caused, the balance are lightning-caused. The average annual wildfire occurrence has increased steadily over the last 60 years. This increase is attributed to urban encroachment, expanded recreational use of the forest, and old-age chaparral.

The Los Padres National Forest fire organization is organized into five districts, supervised by one Division Chief and two Battalion Chiefs each. The other supporting functions are the Los Padres Communication Center and Santa Maria Airtanker Base, both located at Santa Maria Airport, and the Vandenberg Interagency Training Center located on the Vandenberg Air Force Base.

Los Padres Fire personnel are part of a much larger group of agency cooperators that share resources to accomplish the fire suppression and management job on Forest Service lands and partner-managed lands.

In the summer, during the height of wildfire season, there are more than 350 Los Padres employees working in fire management. During the winter, the fire organization shrinks by more than a third, as work emphasizes fuels management and preparation for the upcoming fire season.

The Los Padres is also the home of Central Coast Team 7, a Type 2 Incident Management Team.

For more information about the Los Padres, please visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/lpnf/>.

District Specific Information

Monterey Ranger District

District Office/Headquarters: King City, CA
Division Chief: Peter Harris
Suppression Battalion Chiefs (2): Anthony Zavalla & Conrad Schwarm
Phone: (831) 385-5434

Type 3 Engines: 5
Type 2 Initial Attack Hand Crews: 1
Fire Prevention Patrols: 3

USAJOBS locations: Big Sur, Greenfield, Jolon

Santa Lucia Ranger District

District Office/Headquarters: Santa Maria, CA
Division Chief: Tom Plymale
Suppression Battalion Chiefs (2): Gary Helming & Nic Elmquist
Phone: (805) 925-9538

Type 3 Engines: 4
Type 1 Hotshot Crews: 1
Fire Prevention Patrols: 3
Type 2 Helicopters: 1
Water Tenders: 1
Type 2 Dozers: 1

USAJOBS locations: Arroyo Grande, Cuyama, Los Olivos, Santa Margarita, Santa Maria

Santa Barbara Ranger District

District Office/Headquarters: Santa Barbara, CA
Division Chief: Mark Vontillow
Suppression Battalion Chiefs (2): Jay Enns & (Vacant)
Phone: (805) 967-3481

Type 3 Engines: 6
Type 1 Hotshot Crews: 1
Fire Prevention Patrols: 3
Type 2 Helicopters: 1
Water Tenders: 1
Type 2 Dozers: 1

USAJOBS locations: Carpinteria, Goleta, Santa Barbara, Santa Ynez

Ojai Ranger District

District Office/Headquarters: Ojai, CA
Division Chief: Kevin Grant
Suppression Battalion Chiefs (2): Michael Strawhun & Tony Ayala
Phone: (805) 646-4348

Type 3 Engines: 5
Fire Prevention Patrols: 2
Type 1 Helicopters: 1
Water Tenders: 1

USAJOBS locations: Fillmore, Ojai, Piru

Mount Pinos Ranger District

District Office/Headquarters: Frazier Park, CA
Division Chief: John Abell
Suppression Battalion Chiefs (2): (Vacant)
Phone: (661) 245-3731

Type 3 Engines: 5
Fire Prevention Patrols: 2
Type 2 Helicopters: 1

USAJOBS locations: Frazier

Los Padres Communication Center

Center Location: Santa Maria, CA
ECC Manager: Linda Lowe
Assistant Managers: John Meyers & Kate Rodriguez
Phone: (805) 938-9142

USAJOBS locations: Santa Maria

Santa Maria Air Tanker Base

Base Location: Santa Maria, CA
Aviation Officer: Mark Nunez
Base Manager: Andrea Helming
Phone: (805) 937-5059

USAJOBS locations: Santa Maria

**Current Announcement Numbers for all Permanent GS-0462-6 through 9
and WG-10 Positions on the Los Padres (last update 08/11/14)**

Announcement Number	Position Title	Grade-Series	USAJOBS location(s)
OCR14-462-DZAFMO(H)-8/9G	Supervisory Forestry Technician (District/Zone Asst. Fire Management Officer)	GS-0462-8/9	King City, Big Sur, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, Ojai, Frazier
OCR14-462-DFUEL-8/9G	Forestry Technician (Fuels)	GS-0462-8/9	Goleta
OCR14-462-IHCSUPT-9G	Supervisory Forestry Technician (Hotshot Superintendent)	GS-0462-9	Jolon, Arroyo Grande, Santa Barbara
OCR14-462-IHCASST-7/8G	Supervisory Forestry Technician (Hotshot Assistant Manager)	GS-0462-7/8	Jolon, Arroyo Grande, Santa Barbara
OCR14-462-IHCSQDLR-6/7G	Forestry Technician (Hotshot Squad Leader)	GS-0462-6/7	Jolon, Arroyo Grande, Santa Barbara
OCR14-462-SFEO(H)-7/8G	Supervisory Forestry Technician (Supervisory Fire Engine Operator (SFEO))	GS-0462-7/8	Jolon, Big Sur, Greenfield, Santa Maria, Santa Margarita, Cuyama, Los Olivos, Santa Barbara, Goleta, Carpinteria, Santa Ynez, Ojai, Piru, Fillmore, Frazier
OCR14-462-FEO(H)-7G	Forestry Technician (Fire Engine Operator (FEO))	GS-0462-7	Jolon, Big Sur, Greenfield, Santa Maria, Santa Margarita, Cuyama, Los Olivos, Santa Barbara, Goleta, Carpinteria, Santa Ynez, Ojai, Piru, Fillmore, Frazier
OCR14-462-AFEO-6G OCR14-462-AFEO-GDP	Forestry Technician (Engine Squad Leader (AFEO))	GS-0462-6	Jolon, Big Sur, Greenfield, Santa Maria, Santa Margarita, Cuyama, Los Olivos, Santa Barbara, Goleta, Carpinteria, Santa Ynez, Ojai, Piru, Fillmore, Frazier
OCR14-462-HLTKMGR-9G	Supervisory Forestry Technician (Helitack Manager)	GS-0462-09	Arroyo Grande, Santa Ynez, Frazier
OCR14-462-HLTKASST-7/8G	Supervisory Forestry Technician (Helitack Assistant Manager)	GS-0462-7/8	Arroyo Grande, Santa Ynez, Ojai, Frazier
OCR14-462-HLTQSQDLR-6/7G OCR14-462-HLTQSQDLR-6/7DP	Forestry Technician (Helitack Squad Leader)	GS-0462-6/7	Arroyo Grande, Santa Ynez, Frazier
OCR14-462-PREV(NS)-8/9G	Forestry Technician (Forest Prevention Officer)	GS-0462-8/9	Goleta
OCR14-462-PREV-5/6/7G OCR14-462-PREV-5/6/7DP	Forestry Technician (Prevention)	GS-0462-6/7	Big Sur, Greenfield, Arroyo Grande, Santa Maria, Los Olivos, Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, Ojai, Frazier
OCR14-462-IADISP-8/9G	Forestry Technician (Assistant IA Center Manager)	GS-0462-8/9	Santa Maria
OCR14-462-IADISP-5/6/7G OCR14-462-IADISP-5/6/7DP	Forestry Technician (IA Dispatcher)	GS-0462-5/6/7	Santa Maria

OCR14-462-AIRTANK-8/9G	Forestry Technician (Airtanker Base Manager)	GS-0462-8/9	Santa Maria
OCR14-462-AIRTANK-6/7G OCR14-462-AIRTANK-6/7DP	Forestry Technician (Airbase Technician)	GS-0462-6/7	Santa Maria
OCR14-5716-EQUIPOPTR-10G OCR14-5716-EQUIPOPTR-10DP	Dozer Operator	WG-5716-10	Santa Maria, Santa Barbara

Fall 2014 Region 5 Centralized Fire Hire Timeline

Last Day to Apply	HR Processing & Certificates of Candidates (referral lists) Generated	Evaluations & Reference Checks	Forest Recommendations and Selections	Earliest Effective Start Date
9/5/14	9/26/14 - 10/3/14	10/20/14 - 10/31/14	11/3/14 - 11/21/14	12/28/14
Apply to any position/location of interest whether vacant now or not. Vacancies created during Fire Hire will be back-filled immediately. Apply early, many incomplete applications and/or errors occur during last minute efforts. Applications completed in USA Jobs prior to July 8, 2014 (60 day rule), will need to be recertified through USA Jobs in order to remain active and to be considered for Certificates of Candidates.	Referral Lists generated by Human Resources. Initial Qualifications and Veteran Preference Validation completed.	Fire Subject Matter Experts evaluate applications, complete supervisor reference checks, and document actions.	Recommendations, Selections, and Offers Made. Personnel Actions are assigned to HR staffers and confirmation letters generated.	Earliest effective start date for selections that do not require drug testing or Transfer of Station.

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